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This is the month of August, 1948, and it has been nearly two years since there appeared, in the night skies over San Diego, the strange aircraft later known as the Corrida (or Kareeta).

It was a huge and formidable construction, dimly illuminated, and with flexible, flapping wing tips, and it swooped and darted at immense speed, or hung poised or drifted slowly at varying altitudes. Some hundreds of people must have observed the craft from varying positions, and the present writer took the trouble to collect statements from 35 or 40 of them and publish a summary of what these contained. This report was given a measure of attention by the press and radio, but always of course with tongue in cheek, was derided in some quarters, and on the whole ignored or soon forgotten.

It is still forgotten but not because it proved to be a canard or a delusion of the imagination - as it certainly was not. It is forgotten because from that time onward many other strange visitors to our skies have also been seen, by tens of thousands of people and under many different conditions of observation. First of all came the so-called flying discs or "saucers", seen not only over our own country but in many other parts of the world as well. These withdrew for a time, but then re-appeared, and at this present writing are again reported from widely separated localities. Then came a wide variety of phenomena, of the "sky appearances". Balloon-like, cone-shaped, or cigar-shaped objects, shining or flame-colored, sometimes jetting vapors, traveling at all altitudes and at all speeds (often with incredible swiftness). In the face of these accumulating facts, derision and scepticism have become silent. There is curiosity and vague uneasiness, and among the few at least words of apprehension and foreboding. The phenomena are real, objective, undeniable, possibly very dangerous - and unexplainable or unexplained.

Whether or not these visitors to our skies are in themselves dangerous, it is certain that popular ignorance and apprehension are a danger, and a serious one. For if this visitation should continue, if some of our own aircraft are destroyed or some other disaster occurs, and if it once penetrates the public consciousness that these newcomers, whoever or whatever they may be., have our world completely at their mercy, a tale of confusion and panic may easily follow. And if these craft are attributed to some foreign and hostile power, such fears may flow into an aftermath of War. These are obvious possibilities, and there are at least a few in high places who have been able to understand them clearly. But to foresee them is not enough. Some explanation must be found, some story told, whether true or false, if or when such an emergency arises. And the situation here is difficult, for it is doubtful whether our authorities of national defense know the truth - or, if any of them know it, whether they dare to tell it, or are able to make it intelligible; and on the other hand, it is impossible to invent any fiction, any alleged explanation, which will be both plausible and harmless, and hold water for any length of time. The vital question in this regard, is whether or not the phenomena

continue to appear. If they do, the 'powers that be' and the whole situation may soon come to a dangerous impasse.

This is our basic reason for compiling this booklet, but in doing so the group of investigators concerned have come to something like an impasse themselves, they have what they believe to be the essential truth about the discs and the 'space-craft'. But this truth unfortunately (perhaps)is almost untellable to the 'common man' - that is to say, to our busy, practical-minded, intelligent and honest neighbors. It is untellable,will not make sense to them, simply because it is alien to their ways of thought. Because it involves facts which are not acceptable as such, and terms and processes which will seem wholly strange to the majority. Because the facts concerned are not recognized by orthodox religion, by contemporary philosophy, or (most damning of all!) by official science - or even the speculative science - of our time. We have, therefore, almost no audience for what we have to say, at least inside the fold of the orthodoxies. The few who will listen, and understand what we are talking about, are committed to strange acceptances, to out er beliefs - especially in the fields of the 'occult', the spiritistic, and the 'mystical.' On the other hand, we know that these 'few' are actually numbered in the hundreds of thousands - their number is small only by comparison. Many of them, quite surely, have better and fuller knowledge than what we are able to offer here.

Be all that as it may - the decision is, to state flatly what we believe to be the true facts concerning the incursion of the discs and other sky craft of non-terrestial origin, without controversy and without dogmatism - and to put it into your hands and yours, if you care to read it. We do not do this for the sake of either propaganda or of profit, but from a sense of duty (however fantastic that may seem!), and because of the many requests that have come to us, for the repetition of material already printed in three small publications. *

Here we must insert a few sentences which will perhaps in the present state of public unenlightenment, be sufficient to turn some would-be readers aside. The statements and facts concerning the 'sky phenomena' have been obtained by means of psychic investigation - in brief, by trance mediumship. The medium is a non-professional who has never received any payment for his services. We can only say that after two years of continuous observation of his mediumship, we are completely satisfied as to his personal integrity - and also as to the dependability and high intelligence of his controls. We have not, so far, been deceived by them; and their statements are moderate, cautious and well-reasoned. The few predictions they venture upon have so far been verified by subsequent events. We do not engage in any argument or propaganda on behalf of spiritism, to try to 'prove' anything, to anybody. For ourselves, we accept this means of investigation as being valid,

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well-tested and scientific in spirit, and in the present impasse we have made use of it - and present the results.

As to the interpretation, thus obtained, of the nature and purpose of the discs and other craft (or Lokas, as we have come to call them), we draw attention to the following circumstances:

(1) There has not been, up to the time of this writing, a single intelligible and intelligent alternative explanation to the one here offered,

(2) No data have so far come to light which invalidate our explanation, or even render it doubtful,

(3) The explanation given by the communicators, when well understood, accounts for many curious items connected with the behaviour of the discs and other craft,

(4) The possibility is always recognized that new aircraft of our own building may be put in operation at any time - and that these may be responsible for an occasional report of some strange craft overhead; such instances, however, fail to explain the situation in nine-tenths of its aspects.

In concluding this foreword, we must also remark that this is a reprint booklet. We have made no attempt and have lacked the time to compile even a small 'new' book on this subject. We simply reprint or give the substance of articles, notes and memoranda which have already appeared in the periodicals mentioned (vide note, page 2) especially in the Meade Layne publications. There is, therefore, a good deal of repetition of material. We have had a great many requests for back issues of these periodicals containing discussions of the sky phenomena, and have been unable to supply them, and hope that this collection will meet the need.

We ask our readers to bear these statements in mind, in case they find (as they must) that this present booklet lacks organization, continuity, and most other virtues of good exposition. It is a record and a reprint and makes no further pretense.

-- Meade Layne

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-WELCOME, KAREETA!-(*)

Many and many are the accounts of strange objects seen in the skies, and passing thru them, and falling therefrom. To these we add the latest and (in our opinion) the most significant of them all. (**)

We offer you first certain facts, the statements of observers, selecting a few out of many. You will explain and interpret them according to your own best judgment ... and then in the next place we set down an explanation acceptable to ourselves, tentatively, temporarily, and which many people will (temporarily also?) regard with amusement or contempt... We print today what we believe today, hoping that on some tomorrow we shall all be wiser.

The Observers: The first report of the "Kareeta" came to this writer about 7.45 p.m., October 9 (night of the meteor fall). It came as a telephone call from Mr Mark Probert of San Diego, who with a boy named Fernando Estevane was watching the meteors from the top floor of a building. His description was substantially as follows:

> "This object was about the size of an extremely large plane, and carried two reddish lights. At first it was moving with extraordinary speed, faster than any plane. I saw it twice. The second time it crossed the face of the Moon, and the flapping of its wings was plainly visible. The whole object seemed somewhat luminous."

To this, Fernando Estevane added later:

> "It had two lights. It certainly was not a plane. No plane could manoeuvre that way."

On the next day, October 10, many telephone calls were received. The names and addresses of all informants are in our files. All are from San Diego or vicinity.

Mr W.L.N.
Hospital
Attendant

"I saw this object about 8.00 p.m., it was visible for about 3 minutes -- on the right hand as one faced the Moon, in motion and coming toward the Moon. It was bluish -white in color, but I did not see any lights .... I saw something similar in South Carolina about 2 years ago; it was more bullet-shaped than this and left a vapor trail behind it... I did not see any wing motion last night. A nurse at the hospital told me she saw a very strange construction in the sky near the Moon about 3.00 a.m."

(*) Our reason for giving this name to the sky visitor will be found on a following page. The correct form was probably Corrida, which makes sense.

(**) The record of such strange craft, objects, appearances in the sky has greatly increased since Charles Fort began his astonishing memo., and still grows. Most of its is incredible, unintelligible, undeniable. But Kareeta is certainly no phenomenon of nature, nor any craft or projectile known to us - and it is navigated, controlled, guided. It is neither delusion, nor miracle, nor yet a work of earth production; it is our best evidence, so far, of other-world visitors. Once again, we speak only from the limited data now at hand

Mrs. E.M.S. "I saw this object or something like it, some time between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Oct.9. It was on my left hand as I faced the moon and it was coming toward the moon, moderately fast ... It certainly was not a plane ... There certainly was wing motion. The wings were much too wide for any bird, and they were shaped like the wings of a butterfly. Nearly the whole object had a deep rosy glow, but there were no definite lights."

Mrs. A.H. "I saw the object once, about 8:00 p.m. or maybe later. It was whitish and flying away from the moon toward my left. It looked as if it might have just crossed the moon but I did not see it do so. It was low down toward the horizon when I saw it. It definitely had wing motion - there was a flapping motion of the wings."

Miss J.V. "I saw this object about 7:25 p.m. and then again about 9:00 p.m. and I made a sketch of it on a scrap of paper. It looked to me like a pelican. It crossed the moon disk and I did not see any flapping of the wings. But it was nearly stationary for a long time. When I saw it the second time it was nearly in the same place but had moved a little."

Mrs W.H.S. "I saw the object some time between 8:15 and 9:00 p.m. October 9. It looked like a large bat - very large - and weird. It was to the left of the moon and in slow movement. It seemed low down to me. I saw no lights on it; the body was dark but it seemed to be lighter on the outer wing tips. The wings were in slow motion.It was not a plane, and not likely to be a bird on account of its large size. I saw it between two houses and it took about a minute and a half to cross that much space, so it was going slow."

Mr. B.I.M. "My friend Capt.Scheffel and I observed some object between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. in the west opposite the moon, moving south to north. It left a kind of flash or trail behind it, in a straight line. It moved very fast. We saw it only about three seconds. Captain S. says he thought it had something like a wing with a square tip, like a German plane. There was a kind of reddish glow about it. We thought it might be a rocket because one had been fired in New Mexico and could possibly have reached here. But that doesn't fit in with the other facts, either."

Mr. W.J.M.
La Jolla,
Calif. "I saw something near the moon, either stationary or in very slow motion. I did not see any lights and could not make out any particular shape. It might have had wings, but I could not say. It was very high up. I saw it about 9:00 p.m. Oct.9, but I took only very casual notice of it.

Mrs. O.I. "My husband and I saw this object from Presidio Hill about 9:00 p.m. It looked like a huge bat. It was in slow motion and crossed the moon from right to left.There was a wing motion but very slow, and there were no lights on it. We saw it for several minutes.

Mrs. R.M. 8:30 p.m. Gull-like object, faintly luminous, moderate speed, definitely a wing movement, visible about 1 min. (Summary)

Mr Bob Stevenson El Cajon,Calif. (Amateur Astronomer) A friend and I saw this object.Moon was low and it was distant from the moon by about the moon's diameter. It was in slow motion tending downward. Dark body, too large for a plane. Shape hard to make out but seemed slightly crescent in outline. (Summary)

Mr.T.H.H. and wife. 8:0 p.m. Oct.9. Object in very fast motion, in level flight, coming in toward moon from the left. No wing motion seen - it was as if gliding. No sound. We thought at first it was birds flying in formation. But there was a diffused glow of yellowish light, as if coming from 5 or 6 lights near together. The object had a wing, all right, but we did not see any wing movement. Mrs. A.H. next door also saw it. (Summary)

Mrs O'Callaghan Pacific Beach San Diego. (Professional photographer) Mrs. Callaghan reports that she took a time exposure of the moon, 4x5 film,speed graphic, about 2 minutes. The film showed an extraordinary effect of fragments of concentric rings, dropping down from one side of the moon - somewhat like fragments of smoke rings or halations on films or plates. "They look like fire coming out of the moon. If a passing object had left a trail of vapor perhaps that would affect the moonlight that way". Photo taken about 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.

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So much for data concerning our sky visitor. We could add a greater number of similar comments and observations, but they contain very few additional facts. Our readers will note, that this strange craft was apparently overhead all night, traveling at different rates of speed,sometimes almost stationary, sometimes dark and again showing lights or a luminous outline, probably leaving a trail of light vapor or smoke, sometimes a flash or trail of light. With these constantly changing positions and rates of speed, it is obvious that reports of observers would vary a good deal. But we have not talked to a single observer who believed that this craft was either (1) a plane, (2) a bird, (3) a projectile. We should note that all accounts imply that the object was navigable - and being navigated.

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By a curious coincidence, it was the psychic sensitive Mark Probert who telephone us the first report on the Kareeta, and thru him we received, on Oct.10th, by his clairaudience, the following statement:

> "The Kareeta,the bird-like object seen winging its way around the moon about 7:45, was a mechanical bird from a planet many thousands of (sic.) miles away. It is

called Kareeta. It was purposely sent into the earth's sky at this time because it was known to the people on a far-off planet that the skies would be carefully observed by many earth people. The Kareeta is taken thru the air by our full knowledge of levitation, and is also run by this power. The flapping of the wings is used only when the Kareeta comes into the earth's atmosphere. It has 10,000 parts. The outer structure is made of balsam wood coated with a thin layer of alloy. The Wings are operated by electrical power. The motors are very small but their power is great."

The article from which the above paragraphs are quoted summarizes a statement received clairaudiently by the medium Mark Probert, and another which was given by a trance control on October 10th,1946. There is reason to believe that both these communicators were doing considerable guessing as to the "home port" of the strange craft -- hence the references to the 'planet'. However, we quote their communications for the sake of the record.

Continuing with a further communication thru Mark P. who was in light trance:-

> "This ship comes from west of the moon. No, I cannot get the name of the planet. It is many thousands of miles. No, I cannot say how many thousands, but very many. It is a mechanical bird. These people have been trying to contact the earth for many years. The earth is now sending forth a strong ray or column of light and this makes it easier of approach from other planets. Yes, these people come in peace... They are much more advanced than you are ... Their bodies are similar to yours but much lighter. They would like to make a landing but they are afraid of their reception. They know they will not be understood. They want you to get a group of Scientists who will meet them at some isolated spot.The matter must be kept secret from the public at present. Do not say anything to scientists about psychism or these communications, they would not understand and might reject the whole matter. ... But these people are most anxious to cooperate with you. Much will come thru psychics in the next six months... You must work quietly at this ... The new telescope (Palomar) will amaze the scientists."

The communicator "Lingford" then followed (medium in trance):

> "Well, I don't know much about this space ship business, but it seems to have stirred up quite a furore.It sounds plausible to me. I'm going to try to find out where this ship comes from?

Communicator "Kendrick" (English-German who became a Tibetan monk)

"Yes, the ships was seen by a great many people but very few of them took any note of its strangeness, they were too busy watching" (the meteorites).

An obvious question, unanswered by anybody so far: If these visitors can speak thru a medium in English, why do they not establish radio communication in some earth language, with the earth? Especially if they are much further advanced, as"Ramakalo" asserts. Or do they want to meet a select group only, at first? Is it impossible (as seems likely) to get any scientists of distinction to listen to such radio communications - much less join a reception committee - You can't blame them much, considering what our .sapient press and prejudiced public opinion would do to their reputations.

About 'previous attempts' - there are two-three chapters in The Book of the Damned which every student of the sciences should be forced to memorize. But a very few of our learned brothers have even heard of this book.

Incidentally, we recall that the VAU communicators, indubitably Intelligences of a very high order, said flatly, "Interplanetary communication will take place within three years". . . Maybe readers of Charles Fort will remember the "vast black bat-like thing, poised like a crow over the moon." That, and perhaps a dozen other instances of strange "constructions" voyaging thru the heights of our atmosphere!

Brethren and sistern, on the night of October 9,1946, some vast contraption was afloat in our upper air. It not only was afloat, it was navigated. It was no plane or bird or projectile, which is now publicly known. One conjecture is, maybe a space-ship built here on earth, off for a try-out. That's our hope of even pseudo-normal explanation - and we think it's a slim one. For ourselves, we fall back on "Ramakalo" - especially since we have not, as yet, heard a single intelligent chirp from our contemporaries.

And we take kind of malicious satisfaction in observing that our 20th century folk have become so stupidly smart and smartly stupid, that their friendly superiors can't help them - are even afraid to try to land. Maybe they won't be back for a long time.

But maybe they will! (Unless they are really wise).

Maybe, just maybe, the tale of the Mark-P Communicators is God's truth. And, if so, fratres and sorores, the human tragi-comedy on which the curtain is about to rise, will be a scene for the Gods to remember between nectar and ambrosia.

M.L.

(THIS REPORT ANTEDATES BY A WEEK EVERY OTHER PUBLISHED ACCOUNT)

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KAREETA BUSINESS

"Space-ship" Kareeta has come and gone, but is not yet, we are glad to say, wholly forgotten. The Editor's mail bag shows that Round Robin readers, at any rate, do not dismiss such happenings as trivial and fantastic. Unfortunately, it was a local affair, so to speak, confined to the San Diego area; the mysterious craft was not high enough, probably not large enough to be visible, say, from Los Angeles. People think such a craft should have been visible to the whole United States, well, they should collect a little data on the altitude and size which would be required.

And oddly enough, we have trouble getting folk to understand that this strange night visitor was not a "psychic phenomenon", or seen by clarvoyance, or connected with any mystical belief or hocus-pocus. It was simply a large flying craft of very strange construction, that could fly at enormous speed, or very slowly, or remain stationary. It had its own style of flight, too, and moved (sometimes) in long sweeping bird-like curves of much grace and beauty. No observer could identify it with anything seen before. But it was completely objective, noticed always by accident (not by any 'conditioned' observer), and no more a hallucination than moon, stars, meteorites, and the airliner that came in from the east on schedule.

And we'll repeat, ad nauseam, that this craft did not hover continually in front of the moon; it was seen in the zenith, and in the west, and at late hours of the night; our impression is, it spent most of the night cruising about in these parts. The "occult" and mystical angle of this business started, of course, when RR reported certain communications received clairaudiently and in trance, by an honorable and rarely gifted medium,well-known to this writer. But be it known, we don't accept everything we are told, from any source, even by newspapers, and we do not guarantee anything, whether from AP, UP, or Station Astral. We report what seems worth while reporting; we think the Kareeta was, is, and maybe will long continue to be news (of the New-Age variety), and that since we have no other source of information at all, it may be worth while listening to what folk from the "other side" try to tell us.

We have never said that the Kareeta was a "space-ship"; the Communicators made that statement . We don't know what it was, and are trying to find out, and don't know how, and have listened to everybody and learned nothing... We probably could have collectedhundreds of reports from this area, as easily as our forty-odd, but probably would not have learned anything more ... And for all we know, there might have been two or three or a dozen Kareetas overhead ... The literature on mysterious sky-visitors is extensive - and appalling; if you don't believe it, read Charles Fort, and forthcoming articles by Vincent Gaddis, and start collecting the data for yourself.

We do not know that the Kareeta is coming back, October 9,1947 or any other time. The controls of Mark-P, who have not so far deceived us, said only, "we understand it is the present intention of the Kareeta

people to return in one year". If they do, it will truly be (as Max Freedom Long writes us) a man-bites-dog story - and if they don't, well, maybe one close-up look at this planet was all the Kareeta people could stand. They are said to be very smart folk.

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Miss Ella Young, author of Flowering Dusk, and a distinguished literary figure, sends in the following note:

"Space ships! I believe I saw one in the early part of 1927. I was living at the Casa Madrona Hotel, Sausalito. Sitting outside the hotel one morning, thinking of nothing in particular, I saw a cigar-shaped craft shoot out from a cloud beyond the Bay and across the sky toward Tamalpais. At first I thought it must be a government airship but soon changed my mind. It was not shaped like the Akron - it was long and slender, of a yellow color, and traveling at great speed. As it came opposite to me it seemed to progress by contracting and elongating its body.It was tenuous and I came to the conclusion that I was witnessing a psychic phenomenon, Much later I read, in Taos, the Book of the Damned, that Charles Fort had collected many instances of such airships. I believe that those ships came from a world fairly close to us - a world fairly close to us but invisible. The inhabitants know of us. They have spirited away humans and even whole ships with their crews. In 1902 I think they dumped a whole cargo of sea serpents and prehistoric animals on our earth, and they may have something to do with showers of frogs and curious inanimate objects.

"On Sunday last, October 20, I saw a most brilliant light break out for a few seconds. It was not a meteor. It was shortly after sundown, and the light was not from a burning plane. Nothing visible fell toward earth. I have just heard a man say that on Decoration Day he saw a terrific blaze of light in the sky. It was of round shape. What I saw was just a bright blinding sheet of flame - then nothing. Possibly a space-ship exploded."

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Round Robin is in receipt of a further communication from Miss Ella Young:

"Yesterday, Dec.30, I was with a friend on the high ground that curves southward from Morro Bay. We were looking at the sky to the south where the sun had gone down - golden, with a bank of cloud mist, also golden on the horizon. The time was 25 minutes of six. Suddenly a dark object appeared in the sky; it came forward and grew more distinct. It was very black on the golden sky, and was coming forward head-on - an air machine of some sort. It had a bat-like appearance owing to the curve of its wings. There may have been motion at the extreme tip of each wing but I could not be sure. It appeared to stand still for several minutes and the form was most distinct. Suddenly it either lowered

itself toward the horizon, or the bank of cloud mist made an upward movement (perhaps both movements occurred), for the machine passed behind the cloud and did not again appear. Immediately afterward a great flush of color spread on the sea ... I enclose a statement from my friend ... "

This is very good observation and reporting. The underscoring in the paragraph quoted above is by the RR Editor. The bat-like appearance, the curved wings, the possible motion of the wing-tips, and the standing still for several minutes (too long for illusion caused by straight-angle vision) ALL JIBE NICELY WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF THE "KAREETA" as reported exclusively in Round Robin. But we must alsoset down the note received from Miss Young's companion.

"A friend and I were sitting near Morro Bay about 5:30 in the evening of Dec. 30, watching the sunset over the sea. As brilliant colors poured into the sky, golden and bright red, a large blackish shape appeared. We thought it was a large airplane but noticed that the wings were larger than usual and that they curved like wings of a bat or bird. They were wider and broader, also. The shape flew slightly toward land, then hung poised in the air for at least more than five minutes. Then rather suddenly a large band of golden cloud floated in front of it, blotting it out completely. The sunset deepened in color but the shape had disappeared.I thought this might be of interest to you, as there is no doubt about the shape."

-- An Interested Observer.

Eager as we are for information, it is not necessary to inform this editor that a plane either approaching or receding at a straight angle appears for a time to be stationary. But "several minutes" and "at least more than five minutes" would greatly alter the size and apparent distance of even the slowest aircraft in use. On the other hand except for the little-used helicopter, our planes do not hang poised. Miss Young's companion also comments on the unusual and curved appearance of the wings.

And as lately pointed out in Flying Roll, R.R. friend Vincent Gaddis has collected data on some thirty-odd instances of mysterious flying objects, widely varying in appearance - nearly all of recent date. And perhaps we dare mention also, that a seance communicator, in the Mark-P. seances at San Diego, while discussing the Mendocino County phenomena, quite unexpectedly remarked that we should "look out for sky phenomena also". He asserted that the earth is now entering an unusual spacial relationship to the etheric world, that as a consequence many objects of the etheric plane would become visible to normal vision (including the Nature Spirits) - and implied that various sky appearances would result from the same cause.

Page 10 Lo Sun Yat Re Apports: "The dense matter of the apported object is disintegrated. This is done by directing a powerful ray of mental energy upon it. (Q.)No, not everyone

can do this, it requires a skilled operator. The atoms of the object are conveyed to the place at which the apported object is to appear. (Q.)The form is maintained because the etheric pattern is not destroyed. This etheric form or pattern is in itself a form of matter and is also transferred to the place desired.

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F L Y, L O K A S, F L Y!

(The LOK is the wide space of the heavens)

On June 26, 1947, the morning radio broadcasts in California carried a seemingly crack-pot story, sandwiched between Hollywood gossip and some other puerility, about a flight of curious objects over the Cascade Mountains, observed and daringly reported by one, Kenneth Arnold, a "flying" business man, "flying" fire extinguisher salesman","U.S.Forest Service Employee", "veteran pilot", "fire control engineer", "owner and manager of the Great Western Fire Control Company" (etc. etc. crescendo as the facts were verified). Mr Arnold, flying eastward to Mt.Rainier on June 25, at 9,200 feet., spotted nine saucer-shaped objects, "big as a D.C.-4 passenger plane", flying in a "screwy formation", at right angles to his own line of flight, about 25 miles ahead of him, at a 10,000 ft.altitude. They were "weaving and ducking in and out", were "extremely shiny as if nickle-plated", had a "rocking movement", were half-moon shaped, oval in front and convex in rear, without tails, bulges or cowling, looked like discs - and the line "waved like the tail of a Chinese kite." By clock time, and later triangulation, the speed was estimated as between 1200 and 1700 miles per hour.

This temerarious tale encouraged another "flying business man", of Oklahoma City, to tell how, some weeks ago, he and his wife saw "a very big, shiny, silver object moving at terrific speed", without any noise. "I know that boy up there (Arnold) really saw them," said the Oklahoman. Several residents of Seattle next reported the strange craft; then an engineer of Joliet (Ill.) reported nine of them. If these were the same as seen by Arnold the same day, they had made the 2,000 miles in fifty minutes. The craft flipped and righted themselves in unison, as if all were powered from the leading disk or were in tow. Reports of other observers came in from Oregon, and "nine or ten" of the objects were reliably reported over Woodland, Wash. The same or similar flight of nine was seen the next day over Kansas City. Other accounts came from Boise, the Grand Canyon area, west Texas, New Mexico, the Columbia River country, and San Francisco. All the reports agree essentially in description. On July 3, the objects were reported over Denver, and even the Lt.Governer of Idaho saw something he couldn't explain - this time a "comet-like object hanging in the sky". And "three metallic gleaming disks" were seen "going around and around in a circle" over Beverley Hills,Cal. By the time RR gets into print, the things may be as common as breakfast food advertisements, so we won't follow the story seriatum any further. Enough has been said to show the first stages of the affair.

It goes without saying that public, official, and press reaction followed the familar pattern; first a series of hoots, gibes and jeers, then a baker's dozen of "explanations" (many of them incredibly asinine),finally a blessed silence by hooters and explainers alike, but not by disappearance of the reports. Among the explainers we regret to include General Wainright, who said "People obviously saw something, I don't know what. I don't believe all the claims. I don't believe it at all" - which is understandable if slightly incoherent. Howard Blakeslee, science editor for the AP, obviously trying hard, suggested that the objects were merely reflected flashes of light from distant planes, which were being given a fanciful build-up by minds stuffed with scientifiction. A University of Oregon astronomer thought Arnold's saucers were "persistent vision" caused by looking at reflections on the glass of his own plane; a Portland meteorologist thought it was all optical illusion caused by layers of atmosphere, and when one E.H.Sprinkle of Eugene,Oregon, got a photograph of "seven dots lined across the sky", other photographers said probably the negative had not been agitated enough in the developer. "Army rocket experts" decided in favor of jet planes, and the projectile theory was also popular for a while. Several ex-service men recalled having seen objects similar to the saucers during the war, when they, of course, got the brush-off from their superiors for reporting them. -- We're all for Caution, of course, and the judicious and commonsense approach to strange HAPPENINGS, and we know that the Brush-offer League has a tremendous membership, and has been able to completely suppress and extinguish a whole book-full of desperately important facts which happened to be isolated and sporadic. This time, however, the facts, being saucer-shaped, fly right back again, refuse to accept the damned-datum status -- By the present writing the hoot-owl chorus has died away, but the affair remains front-page news and the newspapers are really in a bad fix, having a most sensational event on hand and nothing whatever to say about it.

The Fortean Society (to which this writer belongs) is undergoing a most painful parturition, under the midwifery of Secretary Tiffany Thayer; so far the only issue has been an apparition of Charles Fort (to whom be honor), gabbing, "I told you so." Fort was a mighty hunter-outer and collector of weird and science-damned happenings, of which strange sky-craft were not the least. The problem is right up the avenue for Vincent Gaddis also, who lately sent us some 20 instances of similar mysteries of the skies. The most incredible and outrageous things happen, and always have been happening, and students of such matters know about them; the most incredible fact of all is, that there actually are people who think we live in a sane, orderly, intelligible and well-understood world, where "science" has explained everything or is about to do so,and that these ignoramuses include about nine-tenths of our so-called intellectuals ... Recurring to Secretary T.T. mentioned above, and while we think of it, it was he who gibed more than once at the Round Robin Corrida (Kareeta) story of last November, not because of its extraordinary nature but because it "stinked" of the "occult". The "occult" got into it because we printed a statement, for what it was worth, received clairaudiently by a most honest and non-professional medium. "Let Austin have his swink (or stink) to him reserved!" -- We're all for the Forteans, be it understood in their war on scientism and smugism,but otherwise they

get no forwarder with their hunting simply because most of them are nauseated by the mere mention of anything occult or spiritistic.

To return to our saucers, so to speak: a sergeant of the State Hiway Patrol reported seeing a dozen bright metal objects about the size of a football whiz over San Francisco Bay and fall into the Ocean. A resident of a town in Washington says he saw one of the disks "explode about 200 feet from the ground. There was a great shower of sparks but no flash, and flames which seemed to hurtle to the ground." Other observers have reported a dim vapor trail and a faint humming noise - that one disk dropped a reddish-white flare - that some have been seen hovering or stationary. Lt.Col.Turner (N.M. Rocket Proving grounds) is sure they are jet planes, and that certain "falling bodies" were meteors, but "is investigating". We also hear of a "disk-like bluish object following a zigzag course over New Mexico" -- a flight of "soup-dishes dropping south at 150-200 mi.per hr" over San Diego, and "a silver bell that swooshed" over Colorado.Some of these items complicate the problem considerably - if that is possible; particularly the objects falling into the sea and the disk which "exploded". And "Astronomers at Seattle and Joliet said there was no natural explanation for the reports." Is it possible our learned brothers have an unnatural one up their sleeves? Or maybe, just none at all? That sentence we quoted intrigues us almost as much as the saucers themselves; the more you think about it, the less sense it makes.

In the final sense there is, of course, no such thing as an explicable fact. Everything known to us is, at bottom, equally mysterious. But there are familiar mysteries, such as sunsets, and grass blades, and systems of philosophy, which we can fit into categories and hence relate to other facts -- and things like "black days" and fairy tombs and Cock Lane apparitions which are unfamiliar and hence called mysteries. Add, flying saucers. The unfamiliar mysteries make mockery of "scientific" smugness, and also of common sense - and also of about nine-tenths of all the alleged occult learning of the pseudo-Adepts . Among these latter wiseacres, there are undoubtedly some thousands who pretend to exalted and secret knowledge of anything and everything, saucers included; and its equally certain that a dozen of them will agree. We think there are actually people who know - but few if any of them are going to say anything, account of the utter futility of telling the "facts of life " to children. They are merely sitting tight and waiting for the Last Act, without expectation of surviving it, or much interest in doing so. If they have a pretty good idea what makes the curtain go up or down, they won't say much about it, or start any last minute panic in the audience.

Having said this much, and taunted all learned men with their ignorance (earwig to our betters), we now present the only intelligent and intelligible comment on the saucer party so far offered by anybody.That doesn't mean we 'guarantee' it in any sense; we wouldn't guarantee Tuesday after Monday. But it's a point of view, and coherent and possible and probably interesting to everybody with a smattering of esoteric knowledge - which leaves most of our intelligentsia out of it, but happily lets in about fiftymillion lesser folk of this Pilgrim's Pride. The commentator is our friend "Lingford", a familiar control at the Mark-P. Se-

ances. If nobody on our own plane has anything intelligent to say about saucers, why not interrogate the ghosties - get an astral viewpoint anyway, even if you don't believe a word of it. Of course, if you think that Lingford is a dissociated complex, a subconscious invention, a personalized memory, or a wholly fictional character invented by the medium and the RR editor for ye sheckels sake (as RR has been credibly informed), your interest will be "0" with the rim left off. But having spent many hours in converse with this 'oeuf dur' of the Invisibles, we consider him a very real person, and quite smart and well-posted and worth listening to. Our semi-quote is not verbatim-literatim-et-punctuatim but it does not misrepresent him in any way:

"When will you people learn that there are worlds within worlds - that the etheric worlds interpenetrate with your plane and with each other? I know I should not be sticking my neck out by talking so much about those saucers, as you call them, at least until I have investigated more fully. But they are not craft constructed on your planet, nor is it necessary to assume that they came from any other planet.It seems impossible to get it through your heads, that objects can pass from an etheric to a dense level of matter, and will then appear to materialize there. Then they may disappear by dematerializing - returning to an etheric condition. It is a perfect analogue to the materializations witnessed in the seance room, which many of your learned men bear witness to. Not only do human forms materialize there but solid objects appear miraculously, as you say, and often these are brought from long distances. You call them apports, but an apport is dematerialized so that only the etheric patter remains,and then the original atoms are reassembled in the pattern or mould and you have a materialized object. Well, those saucers that puzzle you so much come out of an etheric world also and can return to it. The purpose of these visitors is simply to compel your attention, to wake you up. They come with good intent. They have some idea of experimenting with earth life - I mean, of coming to your world to live. There will be many strange sky appearances, as we have often told you before in these seances. Watch for them. These saucers make their great speed because of their peculiar bun-shape and peculiar motion; they encounter almost no air resistance. I do not know their means of propulsion, but I shall try to find out. The wilful ignorance and hostility of your time toward etheric and astral studies is appalling. These visitors are not excarnate humans; but they are human beings who live in their own world, which happens to be made of stuff which your senses cannot directly perceive, and which youtherefore childishly imagine cannot exist at all..."

Sic dixit Lingford. This communicator (to add the personal touch) was a resident of New York State, and departed thence for his present 'station astral' some 40-45 years ago, at the age of 40 years. He is a somewhat stocky young man, very self-assured, a great reader and traveler about, good-humored but also a trifle impatient and sardonic at times. This 'information' comes from other communicators and from several persons on 'this side' who have encountered him while on astral excursions. (if you don't believe in that kind of info., kindly skip this paragraph). We also

understand that he lives in a house on the side of the valley, overlooking a beautiful lake, has many flowers, paints a little, and has a great many books. When we asked him if he lived alone, he replied "You bet I do - and I like it!" He added that his plane is a"very lovely place" and that he has no desire or intention of going anywhere else, least of all of returning to earth life - at least for a very long time. We have talked with this communicator two or three times a week for nearly a year, and can only say that if he is a fraud, or a complex or secondary personality, no sign of it has so far appeared. He is unpretentious, conservative, strongly individualized, and apparently a very real person apart from the regretable fact of being invisible and being obliged to talk thru the organism of another person. We don't guarantee him, any more than we do Wednesday, after Tuesday - or our next door neighbor, who may be a hallucination (from 5:A.M. to midnight, anyway).

It is quite obvious, of course, that this Voice from the neant is not going to get a hearing, and the fact distresses neither him nor the RR editor. If or when the mystery of the flying disks is solved, and if they turn out to be something quite different from Lingford's description, we do not have a single syllable to retract. We are telling our readers the facts as they now stand, about this communicator and his statements concerning the phenomenon. What he has to say fits very well into the main body of occult knowledge ; but he may be mistaken about the disks and we may be mistaken about him. We believe that the time is coming,and to some extent is now here, when scientists and students of every subject will accept the cooperation of the invisible helpers.

By the 7th of July the disks had been reported over 34 states - yet certain jackasses, by which we mean astronomers, physicists, editors and radio commentators were still gabbling about delusion, hysteria, mirages and the like. On that date, the Editor held a short "sitting" with a non-professional medium (Mr Mark Probert), and after having some delay, an interesting communication was received, of which we can here print the substance only:

"Well, how am I doing now?" (referring to difficulty in control) No I have never spoken thru a medium this way before, but I did speak once thru a trumpet at Lily Dale"(a spiritualist center in N.Y.state).I was Thomas Edison. During my life on your plane I made many secret experiments, in the effort to recapture and reproduce sounds made in past time, and preserved in the ether. I still believe that this is possible and that it will be done. At the time I only had a hypothesis to work on,but one often has to use a hypothesis in order to have a starting point.

(Q. as to how he happened to come to the medium)"Well, you have a very unusual group over here, who are intersted in the particular type of seance which you carry on ... Continue with this work and you will probably get some very strange news.If you publicize it you will be ridiculed, but I was ridiculed too.

"About these disks that are stirring up so much comment - I'm a little afraid they are going to make trouble. (Q.) I mean, they may start

a panic. My ideas about them are much the same as those given by Lingford. They are etheric in nature, and they materialize spontaneously upon entering the vibration rate of your world of dense matter. I think this is going to stir up a hell of a lot of trouble. The great trouble, of course, is with your scientists, they can't get into the right way of thinking about such problems.

(Q) They happen to be appearing just now, because your world is now in that phase of thought. Do you understand what I am getting at? There will be many other types of strange sky craft also. That Corrida(Kareeta) you wrote about last year was the same type, etheric construction.It was an experimental craft. (Q) These people are much like yourselves but they are much bigger.

(Q) Yes, I think it might be right to say they come from the Lokas. * No, they are not astral, and not from any of the planets you know about. They come from an etheric planet which your senses do not perceive.Some of the disks carry a crew, but others are managed by remote control.These craft have some means of radiating a powerful energy which is very destructive. If they are attacked or interfered with they may easily destroy the attacking planes. (Q) No, I doubt whether they can be communicated with by radio, but if you can signal by Radar perhaps that would work. I don't understand Radar myself. If you can make friends with these people you can learn a world of new facts from them.The medium is getting very tired and I think I shall leave you."

One point in the above which we feel sure is correct, is that "strange news" or any other kind, derived from mediumistic sources, will be ridiculed. We reflect for the ten-thousandth time on the tragedy, the irony, and the futilities of the whole contemporary situation. Isolationism, applied to the life of our plane, is as stupid as in social and political matters; yet of help from beyond the border our 'intelligentsia' will have none . . . It should be easy to understand that a very serious and dangerous situation exists with regard to these disks, and we present here in these pages data which might avert disaster - yet it is doubtful whether any person high in authority can even be induced to read the facts here set down. Our science and our culture have no means of dealing with the issues which are now fast arising . . . If the same military judgment which permitted a Pearl Harbor should instigate an attack on these strange craft, the results, and the panic to follow, and the flood of international suspicion might well be the beginning of the end of our national existence.

Yet if you repeat in public our favorite RR principle, that public education in psychic matters is <u>imperative</u>, and intensely and supremely practical, you are considered as being <u>teched</u> in the head!

* NOTE: There are 7 of those Lokas under the Vishnu-Purana classification.The word simply means (loci),worlds, spheres.They do not belong to the earth chain of globes, nor to the astral. They are just as 'material' as our world,but the matter is of a different vibration range and cannot be detected by our senses or any existing instruments...Note Corrida(Kareeta) was an experimental craft from the same Loka,as indeed the communicators asserted indirectly at the time.

For the sake of the record, we quote another control, who declined to give his name:

> "Most of these craft you are talking about are corrugated lengthwise of the oval. The controls are in the front section. The middle section is a laboratory. The rear contains defensive and offensive armament. They have means of sending out a powerful radiation of energy in all directions from the ship."

Among the countless stupidities engendered by this new sensation, is the cackling in some journalistic roosts over the discrepancy in accounts of size of the "Lokas". Such people should be threatened with instant death unless they can agree at once as to whether the full moon is the size of a pie-plate or a cart-wheel.

It is reasonable to suppose that a number of small objects are flying about. Some of them have fallen from the Lokas. But a doughnut overboard does not prove that all air-liners are doughnut size.

It may also pay us to take careful note, that new skycraft of various designs have been predicted. The Corrida (Kareeta) is a case in point; it did not resemble the Lokas at all, but is said to have been an experimental design and to have come from the same region. (Tho neither the public nor the so-called scientific mind of our generation is going to be able to grasp where this 'region' is, or rather what it is).

Only one fact has arisen, so far, to suggest that these shy newcomers are of earth invention. The general concept of the saucer-shaped craft has been grasped by several inventors, and a Frenchman named George De Bay actually made a working model, powered by rubber bands, as far back as 1928. Our own authorities, characteristically, turned thumbs down. Did this inventor find financial and technical aid from some foreign power? The idea is not pleasant to contemplate. We prefer theLokas, ourselves. It has not yet occurred to our wise-cracking commentators, that the operators of the Lokas, whoever they may be, have our world completely at their mercy.

Another cause of mirth to the cackle contingent, is that strange sky craft have often been reported in the past - and since these are all supposed to have been delusions, the Lokas must be fancy-bred also. But students of such curiosa have compiled lists of them, and studied them for years past. And now somebody has discovered Charles Fort's 'Book of the Damned', which also 'proves' that these happenings are very old stuff. It is described as a 'rare old book' - tho every student of the borderland sciences owns a copy, and the complete works of Fort are on sale - page Tiffany Thayer, Fortean Society, with a five-dollar bill clearly displayed, sign of the Fortean Brotherhood.

We venture a small prediction of our own - that the Lokas will probably be withdrawn for a time (to the huge satisfaction of the cackle-club), but will reappear later. It is to be hoped - tho against all probability - that our Leading Intellects will learn a few pertinent facts in the meantime.

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"The animals" (cattle and horses) "sure do get up and go when they see these things". So says rancher Henry Seay to a reporter of the Birmingham News (July 7), referring to a disk which swooped down within 300 feet "dropping sparks like dust". We disrespectfully recommend this to AP science editor Blakeslee, and to all the "spots in your eyes" professors. Can a cow be frightened by muscae volitantes - in the eyes of her owner, or do Dobbin and his master have the same hallucination at the same moment? It will take more than the eye-wash of the Doctors of Science, to explain this incident - plus some half-dozen photographs, plus reports of experienced observers ... Perhaps our civilization ought to be destroyed - considering the number of learned, brilliant, and self-complacent FOOLS! (We thank P.W.Osman of Birmingham).

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- Concerning the Lokas - 'Flying Disks'

In this September issue of Flying Roll,the RR Editor has recurred to this subject at some length,and there are a few points we wish to keep before the RR readers also. For one thing, it was stated in FR that this issue of RR would give the name of a national magazine which would presently print a special edition devoted entirely to the phenomena of the disks. But this information has not yet been released. We may have to handle this by means of a special bulletin to our readers.

We do not know at the moment, just what explanation, if any, the magazine referred to will give concerning the Lokas. But we can assure you that any lingering doubts concerning their reality will be definitely disposed of. There never has been any question on this point,among thoughtful and informed people; but there has been a systematic campaign of denial and ridicule, as well as an unofficial but effective censorship on news stories. Make no mistake: the Lokas are real, and the authorities know it, and the F.B.I. and Military Intelligence are deeply concerned, and no one yet has been able to trump up a yarn that will satisfy the public, if and when they return in large numbers.Some of these constructions are nearly a mile in diameter.

There are only three hypotheses about them:

(1) That they are constructed by some foreign power (Russia,of course). The practical objections to this theory seem to this writer to be conclusive.

(2) The theory suggested by at least one distinguished occultist,that they are craft of Atlantean construction, kept stored in caverns, and now brought out for the training of crews against time of need in the coming war. Considering all the data at hand, RR does not at present incline to this view.

(3) The flat statements made by the communicators at the Mark P.seances, that they are craft constructed on the etheric levels (etheric worlds interpenetrating with our own), that their mission is friendly but

for definite purposes. That there are flying objects and smallcraft of many sorts in our skies, all of them experimental efforts on the part of the ethereans. Some details of construction and mode of propulsion have also been given.

Of course, if you reject this last explanation a priori, on account of its source, it is useless at this stage to argue the matter. We only say here, that there is a large amount of contributory data, concerning the interpenetration of the planes of etheric and dense matter; and further, that so far at least, there is not a single item of objectvie data, of observed fact, which conflicts with the hypothesis of etheric origin. When or if such data comes to us, we will present it at once.

We know that the Lokas are now present over other parts of the world, and sooner or later it is most probable that they will return to our own skies. There is danger of panic, and even of war, when once the public realizes that we are completely at the mercy of these visitors - and, of course, attributes them to some unfriendly power. If, as we now believe, they are "apports" from the etheric, it is going to be quite useless to attempt to get this idea across to the masses, and even to most of our alleged intellectuals, and to a public press which is incapable pf grasping even the first syllable of what it is all about. This is NEWS of incredible world importance (and so was the much-derided Corrida or Kareeta of last November). We are not trying to sensationalize it - it is already sensational beyond the reaches of imagination. We feel justified in pointing out to our readers, that no other publication in the United States has so far offered either the objective facts or the explanations which have appeared in Round Robin and Flying Roll . . . We do not wish to frighten anyone, but to allay fear, for we feel sure that the Lokas are friendly. But their existence and the issues raised by it must be faced sooner or later, and we believe that in the end, our readers will be grateful to RR for preparing the way, to some extent, for the understanding of one of the strangest phenomena in the history of mankind.

- The Foo-Fighter Mystery -

Ibid. p.13 (The American Legion Magazine for Dec.1945, printed an article under the above heading, and RR hereby offers a summary of it. Mrs.J.G.Strassburger of 4302 Whitset Ave.,No. Hollywood, sends us the clip).

During the closing months of the War, the crews of many B-29's over Japan saw "balls of fire" which followed them, occasionally came very close, and changed color from orange to red to white. Evasive maneuvers by one plane inside a cloud failed to shake off the "fire ball"; it was about 3 ft. in diameter and had an orange-colored glow. No wing or fuselage was visible. The balls easily kept up with planes at top speed. A B-24 Liberator at 11,000 ft. over Truk Lagoon was followed by two red lights that rose from below. The lights were small,changed color repeatedly, until at daybreak one of them climbed to 15,000 ft., and stayed in

the sun. But no B-29 was harmed by these appearances.

In November 1944, the crew of a night-fighter plane over the area north of Strassbourg saw eight or ten orange balls of fire moving at terrific speed. In reply to the Radio check, the ground Radar stations reported "Nobody up there but yourself. Are you crazy?" The plane radar also failed to show any other craft. The lights disappeared, reappeared, went into a flat glide and vanished.

Two nights later two other flyers at 1000 ft. altitude saw "a huge red light 1000 feet above them moving at 200 miles-per-hour. On the night of Dec.22,1944, another pilot and radar observer at 10,000 ft., "saw two lights climbing toward us from the ground. They leveled off and stayed on my tail. They appeared to be large orange glows. After two minutes they peeled off and turned away, flying under perfect control. The next night the same two men at the same altitude observed a single red flame. Two others also reported "A glowing red object shooting straight up, which suddenly changed to a view of an aircraft doing a wing-over, going into a dive and disappearing." This was the first suggestion of a controlled flying device. By this time the lights were reported by all members of the 415th. who saw them; they took them with a sense of humor and gave them the name of foo-fighters.

West of Neustadt by day, a P-47 pilot saw "a gold-colored ball with a metallic finish, which appeared to be moving through the air."

The phenomenon was variously attributed to flares, jet planes, flying bombs, and weather balloons. Some New York "scientists" decided, apparently by remote control, on St.Elmo's light, a well-known electrical phenomenon. The 415th., understandably annoyed, said "Just let the sons - - come over here and fly a mission with us. We'll show 'em." The foo-fighters continued in evidence throughout 1945 - and in every instance the ground radar reported that the observers were alone in the sky. But when allied forces captured the area east of the Rhine, the foo-fighters disappeared. This was known to be the location of many German experimental stations, and since V-E day many of these have been under guard. If any solution has been arrived at, it has not yet been revealed.

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(If the foo-fighters represent some achievement of German science, it must have been shared by the Japanese - yet the defeat and occupation of both these countries has shed no light on the mystery, so far as is known to the public. If the answer is known, it has been guarded with incredible efficiency . . . Those who are interested in the account offered by RR for the Lokas (flying saucers) may recall that the seance communicators have said repeatedly, that a great variety of experimental craft were in our skies, all of them coming from an etheric world, and that many and diversified phenomena would be observed, chiefly in the heavens -- and that much information concerning them would be given by psychic means).

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FLY, LOKAS - FLY!

(Compendium of the Flying Discs)
3rd Article

Flaming Plane? Many reports were received by the Coast Guard at San Diego, of a flaming object which fell into the sea, apparently off this part of the coast; it was also reported, however, from as far north as Santa Barbara. A check of airports and lines failed to reveal any missing plane, and the Griffith Park Observatory discounted the idea of a meteor, though making no positive statements.(Southern California papers of 9/20/47).

Flaming Object:- exploded over Mexican territory, s.e. of El Paso, Oct. 10-11 (?) Left a"vast cloud of smoke, an amateur astronomer felt "almost sure it was a fireball meteor."

"Something over Bay area" At least five west coast residents reported they had seen the "biggest celestial thing since Haley's Comet soar thru the sky early Sunday, about 7 hrs. before the flying object exploded near El Paso ... About 12:30 a glowing object was seen in the Northeast "about the sixe of the front end of a four-motor plane viewed from below at an altitude of 6,000 feet." It was "moving at terrific speed westward and left no trail". It has a nucleus "strongly fluorescent, diffused to the outer edge; it looked like Saturn with a ring around it, but it was definitely not a meteorite" ... "I have photographed the heavens many times and I know a meteorite when I see one ... the object travelled in a straight line and did not drop toward the horizon." These quotes are from Mr Ben Dobus, an Oakland photograoher. About the same time Emmett McMenamin, Clerk of Monterey County and two companions, saw "a very large celestial object moving southwest over the Monterey peninsula; it had a reddish glow and a fiery tail." (San Diego Tribune-Sun, Oct.14).

Yellow Ball over Toronto Two residents of Toronto saw and photographed an object "appearing as a yellow ball with a tail streaming out behind it like vapor behind an airplane on a misty day". The photograph showed an oval white spot trailing two milky streaks of light (Toronto Dispatch of Sept.20).

Swedish cigars? The newspaper Aftonbladet declared a mysterious cigar-shaped missiles were seen flying high over the city of Hudiksvall in northern Sweden, at noon on Oct. 7. The objects emitted a sound similar to a motor noise and streaks of fire from the tail ... they came from the north and disappeared at slow speed in the southwest. (Stockholm AP Oct.7).

"Proof" on the Flying Saucers" Under this caption the Chicago Daily Times of Sept.27 writes up the activities of Ray Palmer,Editor of Amazing Stories. Palmer has many photographs, bits of a flying disk, testimony and affidavits of many reputable eye-witnesses, and many records of similar phenomena during past years... One Fred Christman, who runs a private harbor patrol off Tacoma, Wash.,

told Palmer that six flying disks circled above him last June, that an explosion took place on one of them, and that about 20 tons of "stuff" fell from the sky immediately afterward; part of it stove in the cabin roof of his boat. An army plane carrying some of this 'stuff'east "crashed under mysterious circumstances and killed its pilots". (Note: we have information that there was also a mysterious passenger who was not killed but who has since disappeared). "Under analysis" says Palmer, "the stuff shewed traces of 16 elements and a very high content of calcium.Looks like congealed slag from a blast furnace, and as tho it had been cast in a molten state onto a semi-plane surface ... he believes that the Ca compound was cast onto the upper surface of the disk as a protection against cosmic ray radiation at high altitudes. Calcium is used as a trap for radiactivity. One of his photographs, according to Palmer, taken at Phoenix, Arizona, June 24, shows 3 hovering disks with holes like doughnuts. This appeared in one Phoenix newspaper but thereafter vanished from the news(!) Kenneth Arnold, who first reported the disks, bought an expensive camera and went hunting again for them, in self-defense. He made 150 feet of movie film - and the FBI confiscated it ... Palmer scoffs at the notion that the disks are Russian devices - he points out that he has proof that exactly the same manifestations were seen in 1910 at Clearwater, Oregon - long before anyone began to worry about the Russians.

Prior to the above mentioned article, the Chicago Sunday Times of August 3, printed an article entitled "Link Sky Metal to Mystery Blast". The blast is said to have occurred on (or over) Murray Island, off the Washington coast, June 24 (this is the one in which the patrol boat was damaged). At the instance of Ray Palmer, Kenneth Arnold flew from Boise to Murray Island, obtained photographs, interviews, specimens of metal, part of which was analyzed at the University of Chicago ... On Friday, August 1, a meeting was held, attended by Arnold, a Captain Smith,pilot of United Airlines who had seen some of the disks over Boise; two B-25 flyers assigned to the AAF to work on all reports of flying objects; persons who were aboard the pilot boat, "and other witnesses". The two army investigators (FBI ?) obtained pictures, affidavits and specimens . The meeting broke up at 12:30 A.M.

"The next thing known of the B-25 flyers (two) is that their plane crashed near Hamilton Field, outside San Francisco" (flying weather is said to have been perfect). Authorities at the airfield admitted the flight to McChord Field, outside Tacoma, where the conference was held, and that the plane was carrying "unclassified cargo", which was "very hot stuff."

(We quote these old reports, because they will be new to many readers who did not happen to see the two issues of the Chicago Times, and because from this time on, reports on the disks became very rare. This was partly due to the fact that the disks themselves were being gradually withdrawn to other parts of the globe, and partly, it is believed, to an informal censorship. But the Times account is factual and conservative, and has never been challenged by any of the laughing jackasses who have made such sport of the whole Loka business.The data

referred to and implied in these articles alone, is formidable and must be reckoned with by any honest investigator; to it might be added scores of other reports of responsible persons. We repeat what RR has said from the first: there is not the slightest doubt as to the objective reality of these craft. The question is solely that of their origin, significance, and intent.

On this question, the"theory" of Russian origin is preposterous in the light of all available facts and all intelligible reasoning;furthermore, the previous appearances of such craft, cited by Ray Palmer above, are well known to students of such 'outlaw' happenings, should dispose of the notion of Russian origin definitely and finally. Also, there is a long list of appearances of strange flying objects, which nevertheless did not resemble the Lokas in appearance. Either the Russians are responible for these too, or else we have two or more problems instead of one. The opinion of this writer is, that most of these visitors, perhpas all of them, come from the same source in the etheric worlds, and that the Russians have nothing whatever to do with any of them.

Perhaps the time has come to speak of a conceivable alternative - though it is one which the RR editor cannot consider seriously, partly from lack of data, and largely because of his present confidence in facts stated by the seance controls. It was suggested by the occultist FGH, some time back, that these "saucers" or Lokas might be craft constructed by the Ancient and preserved in underground caverns, and now brought out for the training of crews against the time of coming war. Before rejecting this too hastily, we should take certain relevant facts into consideration. Note, for what it may be worth, the following bit of dialogue at a recent Mark P. seance:

Question: We keep getting bits of alleged information, along with many stories, theories and conjectures, about vast caverns in the earth, a "hollow earth", and about people who inhabit them. I am not referring at all now to the matter of the 'Deros', and their caves, but to an alleged underground race, culture and civilization,and to the alleged openings into our globe at the poles, and the flow of the Gulf Stream and the Japanese Current into these. There is a hopeless overlay of fiction about all this, but also a very awkward body of unexplained happenings - plus the fact that great areas of the polar regions are still unexplored and even unseen as yet, in spite of our 'mastery'of the air. It is even said that the people of these regions are similar in height to the so-called ethereans, who are believed to be back of the business of the 'saucers'. Have you any comment?

Reply by trance control"Mr. X" :

It might be a fine thing if your scientists would stop inventing means of killing each other long enough to do some real exploring.Certainly there are vast underground caverns. Yes, they are inhabited by a race of people - and I am not referring to the 'Deros'. The 'Deros' are plentiful and especially under Japan and parts of Asia. But before I go on talking on this subject, I shall have to make inquiries to find

what can be told.

Question: Do you have to get permission or advice before giving us information?

Answer: There are Orders and organizations on this side, such as the White Brotherhood you were talking about. Information which is not adapted to the mental capacities and needs of your people, or which may do harm, is wisely withheld ....

Add also the following items: The famous medium Valiantine had for a guide a spirit named Bert Everet, who used to deliver half-hour lectures in full materialized form. His main topic, during Valiantine's stay in Minneapolis at least, was "the Land beyond the Brrier" - millions of people dwelling on the other side of the northern ice barrier -- Some years later an explorer (McMillan?) lectured in the same city, and told of information he received thru the museum at Bergen, about the mysterious disappearance of a Norwegian settlement in Greenland. Investigation at the alleged site in Greenland revealed old stone houses, and also Eskimo stories, to the effect that the whole colony had removed toward the north. They had been seeking a more favorable location, and one of their number, returning from the North, had reported a warm land. -- A small book called 'The Smoky God', published by a Mr. Emerson in Los Angeles, tells the story of one Olaf Jensen, who with his father adventured far north, came in contact with a race of people of giant stature, was allowed to live with them, in the earth's interior."The crust of the earth is 300 miles thick, and in the middle of that crust is a magnetic layer that binds both you and us to the respective surfaces" ... Eventually, the two men emerged at the South pole - the only exit, Olaf was picked up by a whaler, told his story and got himself shut up in an asylum for many years. Prior to his death in California, he wrote out his story and gave it to his friend, Mr. Emerson. (We almost wish this Poesque tale could be proved to be all fiction). There is at least one book, tho we cannot quote the title, dealing with the tangible evidences for a warm land in the north , and, of course, the idea of a 'hollowearth' has not only been excellent fiction material but has been and is yet seriously maintained by various cults. -- No sane investigator desires to be gulled, neither does he want to gull himself thru an iron determination not to believe the improbable. Whether the 'will to believe' does any more damage than the 'will not to believe', is a highly moot question.

Our point in relating all this is obvious. IF such a civilized race exists on our own planet, it is the part of common sense to reckon with it as a possible source for the Lokas (disks). -- We have said nothing about the world-wide belief in subterranean peoples, a subject which Professor Ryan treated most competently in the last RR. It is going much too fast to assume that the existence of the 'Deros' explains all such belief and exhausts the subject. The legends of Agharti are not so simply disposed of, and a considerable bilbiography could be compiled on the whole matter.

In discussing the matter of "Mars messages", the communicator remarked that while messages had been sent and received, they probably did not come from Mars but from one of the 'dark planets' or 'dark stars' of our solar system. Here too is a possible place of origin for the flying disks.

We recommend this last point to the attention of the Chicago Rocket Society. This organization has announced its tentative attitude. The disks, we are told,(1) are either objectively real or they are not(There can be no doubt about their reality). (2) They are either terrestial in origin or they are not (But the hypothesis of their secret construction by Russia or any other Power is fantastic). (3) We must accept them as real and of non-terrestial origin ... "The critical evidence is the odd shape, completely unadapted to known means of propulsion, and their extreme speed (1000 MPH) ... Russia is the only nation engaged in active research of this type, and politics indicate plainly that the USA is the last place the disks would show themselves."..."We might point out that a non-earth reconnaisance would behave much like the observed disks.They would avoid our common population centers, not knowing which were safe or important, and use as bases attractive areas (water, forest)... To those who say ridiculous, we merely hark back to 1940 when we mentioned Atomic Power, which was greeted in the same way" (Rocket News Letter, August '47,91 Pine Ave. Riverside, Ill.)

This is admiral commonsense, of course; our objection is only to the rascally tertium quid or Third Somewhat that lurks just around the corner. For, to the Rocket Society at any rate, a genuine air or spacecraft, not of earth manufacture, can only come from one source,viz.,one of the planets of our solar system. The existence of the dark planets or suns, perhaps much closer than any visible planet, is most likely quite outside of the CRS speculation. So,too, the possibility of the storage and manufacture of the disks within the earth. Particularly and especially 'so too' is the repeated assertions of the seance communicators, that the disks are of etheric construction - that is manufactured by inhabitants of the etheric plane (not the astral), which is not separated from our earth at all in a spacial sense, but only by the vibratory rate of its substance - just as invisible as air or live steam or gravity or an electromagnetic field, and no whit less real, and completely knowable if our sensory apparatus were adopted to it. Probably all existence on our plane of dense matter, 'materializes' out of the etheric. A plant, for example, is a materialization of a force focalized in the heart of a seed, which fills in an etheric pattern or design or mould which pre-exists invisibly; for this reason the plant breeds true to its kind, and cabbage seed does not bring forth an oak-tree, or even a new variety of cabbage ... We hear our rocketeer friends remarking at this point, that such twaddle may do well enough for the simple-minded but has nothing scientific about it -- to which we humbly reply that there are some thousands of books bearing on this subject, of which, everyone should read one or two, and that our knowledge of anything is a string-ball as big as the cosmos.

A considerable amount of alleged information about the disks comes in from various psychic sensitives throughout the country, sometimes from

persons who have not read any of the Round Robin explanations. These differ somewhat, but so far only in minor details; with one single exception all psychics who have communicated with RR affirm that the discs have a non-terrestial origin, and none of them attribute any evil intentions to the visitors. In at least one case, the assertion is made that the discs do not carry crews or pilots, but are under remote control of a type not understood by us, and transmit all observational data by automatic radio apparatus . The Mark P. communicators have said that some of the discs, presumably the larger ones, carry a crew or an operator, and that others are under remote control, from a base or from the lead-plane of a flight, accounting for the perfect synchronization of movements. The communicator to Anne Howard says:-

> "The source is not so far away as it may seem to you ... They are not controlled by radio but by beams of high frequency which are directed to these units thru the ether. They are manipulated thru a "transmit" or "transmission" board. They do not return to their source because (1) they are not needed, (2) they cannot return thru a curtain of intense natural (psychic) energy without disintegration ... all data is destroyed in this process, but it has already been recorded at the source." They 'get here' the communicator continued "by transmitting matter thru matter in infinitesimal amounts" (which might be equivalent to 'materialization'). "The material of the one I saw" (the red disc over Switzerland) "was not such terribly hard stuff. It looks brittle and breaks with a sharp straight edge. It burns, it seems, from a white heat set up by the wires, which burn out in 22-24 hours. Perhaps that is why no Lokas have been found - the smaller ones - at any rate are simply non-existent." (have been burned).

The opinions of this communicator appear to be founded on his observation of the red Swiss Loka only; it is quite conceivable that some of the discs may be designed for self-destruction, while others may carry one or more operators and have means of returning to their point of origin. ("I don't get this at all" says Anne Howard, "you figure it out"!) During the last two years the present writer has had a sufficient number of reports concerning this communicator, to justify, in his opinion, the following quotations:-

> "The discs do not carry crews, because this is the wrong time; they would be unwelcome - and what good could they do?
> "They haven't landed except to break up; they just keep going.
> "Screw development plus atomic generation are the principles involved. (I get a battery which generates power and which is held in place by clips to the inner side of the Loka..Anne H.)
> No these people have never lived on your earth and have no desire to. They have a much fairer land of their own. They have had much enjoyment in developing this enterprise, and could bring you the finest ideals of life (sic) if they wished to.
> You are correct about the size but I would say that none of them are much larger than the half-mile measure. The ones over Sweden have been very small.

"Your theory of atomic propulsion is approximately true, but the screw development is the real meat in the venture (There is some talk of Graham getting better results by 'pushing one of his theories up several notches', Anne P.)

The communicator also says 'they have tried to transfer certain seeds (to our plane) and that they have succeeded in the West (Colorado). Watch for seedlings of a new sort in dry, arid parts of this State.

These statements are said by the psychic Anne H., not to originate with her regular communicator, but with another person brought in by him, who is a frequent attendant at the Mark P. seances in San Diego; she has been able to give a good personal description of him, as he appears to her 'vision'... Our readers will understand that we report "spirit communications" whenever we feel a considerable measure of confidence in them, but of course can offer no 'guarantee' of veridicality. A factual objective phenomenon is involved here, possibly of supreme importance to the human race - and the human race so far has greeted it with jeers and guffaws of laughter. And among those who acknowledge the genuineness of the happenings not a single 'normal' intelligent and intelligible explanation has appeared. Nor is there any hope that the innumerable jackasses who continue to bray about 'spots before your eyes' will ever try to deal with the factual data, or even admit its existence except by force majeure. If then, as some of us well know, there are sources of information of a supernormal or paranormal sort, we propose to avail ourselves of them, tho with due caution and reserve. We know that we shall make many mistakes, and experience teaches that our friends on the 'other side' make them also; that however is the condition and penalty of the search for truth, and the road to its attainment in some measure.

Amid all the ignorance, stupidity and derision there are clear signs that some people have grasped the basic facts. We call attention to a most remarkable article appearing in Fantastic Adventures for November 1947, in the form of a letter from one "Alexander Blade" * It is thrown into the form of an imagined address by our invisible visitors, whom we call Ethereans -- The title, SON OF THE SUN.

"We are already here among you ... some of us have always been here ... we have been confused with the Gods of many world religions .. .. we were known in ancient Egypt ... your ancestors know us a preceptors and friends ... You have lately achieved the means of destroying yourselves ... if you employ this to establish a millennium upon earth, as you can do, you will be the first civilization to do so ... we are among you, and you will now it before very long ... you have met us in your streets without knowing it, but when we flash thru your skies in the ancient traditional vehicles you are amazed, and if you tell that you have seen us you are accounted dupes and fools... nearly all of the varied appearances are actually the same type of vehicle ... a

* The article was, in fact, written by Millen Cooke, well-known to many RR readers, it would run to three pages if quoted in full.

material like plastic, almost transparent and very strong ... in the center of the discus, a control room which revolves freely for flat or edgewise flight ... they appear torpedo-shaped, or disk-like, or as spheres, or at night with jet-slits glowing, like orange-colored globes ... you must become accustomed to them ... one day they will be familiar, friendly and re-assuring sights ... if you fail, as other civilizations have failed, we will see your descendants wearing wiring diagrams as amulets or religious symbols ... Such is the cycle of forgetfulness -- "

The whole concept set forth by this writer conforms to the ideas given thru the communicators at the Mark-P Seances, so far as the latter go; they have not yet touched much upon the relation of the ethereans with past cultures and civilizations of our plane.

What is truly meant by the crossroads of humanity, the 'end of the epoch', the 'turning point of history' is now beginning to appear. It is taking the form few of us have even dreamed of - a form beyond the comprehension of all contemporary religions, of philosophy, and of current scientism. The problem of racial survival is becoming defined -- but it is not, one fears, a problem which the mentality of our race can grasp. The result of this impasse will be an unparalleled destruction;the fate of the survivors perhaps may be known to the historians of ten thousand years hence ... Our one hope is, that events move slowly and under the guidance of a God-like wisdom -- and for this hope there seems to us little justification ... In such thoughts as these we may be deeply and happily wrong, but we write them because at this hour they seem to us true.

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VARIORUM

PAGE PROFESSOR SHAPLEY - - San Diego Tribune: 1-16-48. 'The Coast Guard sent a plane out this morning in search of a mysterious object seen by an aircraft worker as he waited for a bus. . . The witness described the object as throwing off a reddish-bluish light while it cruised at about 10,000 feet in a northerly direction, apparently over Camp Miramar.'

Cincinnati Post, Jan.9,'48. U.P. 'Mysterious objects seen to be floating in the sky over Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio ... Over the Clinton county air base (Ohio) -- a flaming red ball of fire, seen for 35 minutes ... At Youngstown, O., a Lt-Col. reported orange-yellow lights. which appeared to converge from the north ... A bright bulb-shaped object was also reported seen at Clarksville, Nashville, and Columbia, Tenn., and at points in southern Kentucky. . . The Wilmington fire ball was seen by a sergeant and a corporal in the patrol tower at

the air base. They watched it for 35 minutes ... described it as a flaming red cone trailing a green mist. It was also seen by Wilmington residents the night of the 7th.

(Clip from B.F.Greenlee)

San Francisco Chronicle: Jan.8 AP. Astronomers at Nashville (Vanderbilt University) reported an object ... which they believed to be a balloon, but the Nashville Weather Bureau said it knew of no balloons in that vicinity... A flaming red cone trailing a green mist ... over Wilmington ... was a mystery for the thousands of people who saw it ... An Army statement asserted "The sky phenomenon hung suspended in the air at intervals, and then gained and lost altitude at what appeared to be terrific bursts of speed.

(Clip from Violet O.Johnson)

Fort Knox,Ky. AP. Jan.7. "The object spotted by Col. Hix, Commander of Godman Field, was chased by National Guard planes and followed from the ground by State Highway Patrol Officers." The "saucer" was very white and looked like an umbrella. "The pilots were 20,000 ft.high and the object was still above them. They estimated its speed at about 180 miles per hour... Highway patrol cars reported the disc resembled an ice-cream cone with a little fire at the bottom.

(Clip from John Hand

Concerning the death of Capt.Thos.F.Mantell, the National Guard Hdqrs. in Kentucky said that he apparently flew too high without oxygen, in pursuing the disc, lost consciousness and crashed. But several other accounts state that Mantell's P-51 exploded in mid-air --which is a different matter. According to the Cinn.Times-Star,the N.G.Hdq. in Kentucky emphasized that there was no connection between the plane's explosion and its mission (pursuit of the 'saucer') - and then adds that Mantell had been in radio communication with Godman Field a few moments prior to the accident but there was no indication of trouble. -- The National Guard, according to other dispatches (S.D.Journal) denied that there was any radio communication with Mantell's plane. The two returning pilots gave their own altitude as 15,000 feet, with the object still high above them.

AP dispatch of Dec.30. Terrific blue flash west of Boise -seen as far as Seattle. Pilot of a military aircraft reported to the Seattle office that the light seemed to come from the ground, and that the flash lasted "about six seconds" - which makes it hardly a 'flash', but a short, steady illumination, A meteor lighting a huge area for six seconds would almost certainly be observed as such, or some kind of originating center would be noted.

(Clip from E.O.Wakefield

Notes from the Nashville Banner: Re the Mantell plane crash. Glen Mayes, who witnessed the crash, said the plane went into a dive at about 20,000 feet, and began disintegrating when about half-way to the earth ... Two aviators who"investigated the object by plane" said it was a free weather balloon. Most observers with telescopes seem to agree on the balloon explanation,but insist it was different from any

balloon heretofore seen ... No balloons are reported missing from weather bureaus ... first reports of ropes and/or instruments dangling from the object were not confirmed by other observers.

(Clips from Bobitt Agency

The Illuminati or Shapleyism in Action

Comes now distinguished Professor-Doctor Shapley, fearless and omniscient as usual, explaining all things to the gape-mouthed public. Spots before the eyes, cries the good doctor. Spots and more spots! Auto-suggestion! Hetero-suggestion! Mass hysteria! Illusion! Delusion! Confusion! Millions of radios blared forth the glad news that the mystery of the airways was Shapleyized at last - and who would dare suggest that the king-pin of astronomers might, on this particular subject, be jackass-ignorant ... Comes the wily Wylie (Dr.C.C., that is, University of Iowa expert on meteors), says flying discs are sunlight reflections from windows of planes, and after that, tricks of pranksters - and, of course, illusions. But we need a sky patrol under scientific direction, to prevent public hysteria and 'explain future flying saucers' - and to 'hold the respect of the public' for the sacred cows of Science - says W. Wylie in effect ... Come also, in most sensible vein, engineering director Straiton (Univ. of Texas), talking about radar angels.

"Angels" Point the radars straight up and echoes come back - from Something! They register up to 10 seconds sometimes, occur in random patterns, are most numerous in the first half-mile above ground, but sometimes are two miles up. Birds? Nope! Insects? Nope! Auto-suggestion, mass hysteria of scientists? Nope-Nope! Maybe dust, smoke, atmospheric turbulence. RR guess is, something material, invisible, causing atmospheric turbulence. Bell Laboratories have been after these angels for a long time now, haven't caught one yet - so we can guess too, can't we?

Ruskies Comes Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon, with "reliable information" from behind the iron curtain: Russians have a rocket of amazing speed and "almost limitless range" propelled by a series of explosions; the farther it goes the faster it travels. The charges are separated by metal discs, and when a charge is fired the disc pops off. They're made of thin metal and possibly disintegrate in the air - so, thinks Rep. Ellsworth, the flying saucer "epidemic" may have stemmed from this source.

(Credit Gibson, Robertson, Calkins, and Gordon for clips.

In these and a hundred similar quotations, the passion for simplification rises to its noblest heights. One witness, and it's delusion-illusion; 1000 witnesses and it's mass hysteria. Also the scientific backbone assumes its noblest reverse curvature, from leaning over backward to avoid submitting that anybody who does not have a degree in science can possibly tell a hawk from a handsaw - we mean a buzzard from a P-51 even with his nose against it. And it's a noble company. If Shapley has made an impossible fool of himself, Heldane and Joad are close runners-up. The soi-distant, smarty-pants psychologists have had a field day - lacking the brains or the courage or both to evaluate a fourth part of the evi-

dence... There never has been any doubt in the minds of intelligent and informed people, about the actuality or factuality of the saucers(Lokas, we call them), from the very first reports -but that doesn't include the Flower of our Culture, unfortunately. Sometimes we think, that nothing so utterly corrupts the power of evaluating evidence as the so-called scientific training and temperament. This isn't a matter of the Lokas only; the whole history of the relation of science to paranormal happenings bears it out. The distressing error many of us make, is in thinking that by piling up a thousand pounds of printed stuff, good sound factual evidence, we can actually convince the Shapleyite Flowers of Culture (say) that Lokas fly and ghosts walk. But it can't be done, O friends of enlightenment! Nothing can be done - and the real reason is that we contend not against professors S. H. and J. and their satellite kin, but against the Time-Spirit which hibernates within them... Of course, there are scientists who are "occultists" also, in the secret heart and marrow of them, and who know very well what forces are now playing upon the world, what strange incredible events are now fast unfolding; and the mere fact that they do not and cannot make such knowledge public is sufficient evidence of the vast child-mindedness of our contemporary world.

HUH? and HUH-HUH! Everybody has heard about it but we'll make a note anyhow. A Mrs. B.Z. of Chehalis, Washington, says she saw "a man with wings attached to his back fly over her barn at an altitude of 200 feet." He made a "sizzling and whistling noise" but his wings neither flapped nor rotated and she could not see any propeller. Several school children were with her, said Mrs. Z. Authorities,notified promptly, responded with "Huh?" as did also, in effect, the officials at McChord Field, Tacoma - thus reaching a new high in contemporary comment on flying oddities in general. (At that, "Huh?" is more intelligent than "spots before your eyes").

General Spaatz tells all. General Carl A. Spaatz,Chief of the Airforces revealed (Dec.18) that military authorities are still investigating the flying discs, reported by residents of 44 States and five nations. Question by interviewer to the General: "Are you convinced such objects were flying above the United States?" Gen. Spaatz: "NO!"

Q. "Is it possible the discs are foreign experimentation?
A. "Nothing concrete has been established to answer this in the affirmative but in the absence of logical explanation it would be unfair to discard the possibility (The General means 'Maybe').

Q. Has the U.S. Airforce any decision as to the source of the discs?
A. "NO!"

Q. "What form has your investigation taken?
A. ". . . Interviews ... (polysyllables omitted).

Q. "Do you believe the objects were developed by German engineers in Spain?
A. " . . . Highly improbable."

Q. "Do you want people who see them to report them to the Army?
A. "Yes!"

Q. "Have you investigated any disc reports in the last two months?
A. "YES!"

(Grand Rapids Press,Dec.18
Clip from E.P. Gibson.

"Just a balloon" Nashville Tennessean, Jan.8, writes up a something-or-other seen in the western sky directly above the sun. Dr.Seyfert,Vanderbilt University Astronomer, made a "thorough examination"(!), said it was a balloon. The Weather Bureau agreed but said it wasn't one of theirs. Radio tower observer also said balloon. But other observers called it a glass disc, a gold-colored star,a comet,that it hung in the sky "all afternoon", then moved off to the South (not usual behaviour for a free balloon). R.E.Rawls, with a telescope, said there was no question, it was a balloon all right, then estimated its height at 6000 ft. but Dr. Seyfert, again, said it was five miles high, or 20,000 ft.more. L.J.Wilson, also a local astronomer, was "undecided as to its true nature" he said it was shaped like an electric bulb and appeared to be transparent; also that it turned yellow at 4:50, Red at 5:05, and disappeared at 5:12. (End of newspaper account)

The way to get the Whole Truth about such happenings, is to read one account only, by one person, preferably a professional astronomer (account of cocksureness), take what he says as final and dismiss the question. If you go on reading what a dozen or two other people have to say, you'll get all fogged up. Or else join the laughing jackass chorus of Newspaper and radio commentators - whose brays, however, are now getting somewhat frogged and hesitating . . . Also, there actually are seeming-intelligent people who argue, that if anything, say any object in the air looks quite different to different observers (no matter how far apart), that's proof the thing isn't there at all - in other words, spots before your eyes. That kind of poppycock came our way in bales, a year ago last November, when RR Editor collected 45-50 accounts of eye-witnesses to a huge contraption cavorting over San Diego, in night skies. It was a Condor (even if it did have tail lights), and/or an air-liner (which came in hours earlier on schedule), and/or mass delusion, or plain-and-fancy lying, or - or - or ... Most of such stuff, of course, comes from pseudo-scientific people who lean over backward in their effort to appear Critical Calm and Sceptical, Superior to all fools who think they can tell a flying cow barn from a misplaced eyewinker all by themselves. . .

The Mantell Tragedy Now about that sad bad business of disc-chaser Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, already referred to: examination of a large number of newspaper reports sent in to RR seems to make it quite certain that Mantell's plane "exploded" or "disintegrated" in the air, though at what altitude is not clear. A section of the motor was a quarter-mile from the main wreckage. We don't know, of course, that Mantell got anywhere near the"disc". We don't know how close he could come to it, without getting into range of possible armament. We do say that we have been warned several times by se-

ance communicators, that the discs were invulnerable to attack by our aircraft, and that sooner or later our airmen would discover this to their cost. And we have passed this warning along, as seemed to be our duty, tho of course no one pays any attention to it. We repeat that the appearance of strange flying objects is an old story (see the next item from Coronet) - and point out that so far at least, these craft or objects have not threatened us, or committed any act of overt hostility. Now, anybody who considers the whole mass of available data on these strange visitors, and who still thinks they are NOT directed and controlled by intelligence, by thinking beings possessed of great technical knowledge and skill (to say the least) is certainly sub-moronic - even Shapleyite, in fact. A first and obvious inference would be, that the attitude of such visitors toward ourselves might be of considerable importance - and in the next place, that since they have not been hostile up to date, it is imperative that we show every friendliness toward them - or at the very least, refrain from any and every kind of attack. There are great issues in the making here, and no seer or prophet is needed to point them out, but only common sense plus certain obtainable knowledge.

We are witnessing a phenomenon which has not occurred, in this mass form, during the historical period - and probably for hundreds of thousands of years before that. Information is beginning to come in from all sides, but it is obtained by psychic investigations: of course, our "scientists", our "realists", our "educated classes", professional men, educators, lawyers, soidisant statesmen, nine-tenths of all the medical men (meaning medicine-men), to say nothing of governmental and military authorities, are impervious to data from such sources - tho they do not have a single intelligent syllable of their own to contribute. Thus the general situation is quite hopeless; enlightenment must wait on the force majeure of hard facts. The statements of the Mark P. communicators have so far been verified point by point, and our confidence in them steadily increases. They have at least the advantage of being uncolored by religious prejudices or preconceived notions of any kind, and are impersonal and realistic. If we find ourselves going wrong on interpretation of these phenomena, we shall say so at first opportunity;meanwhile we are offering our readers the only constructive comment so far available in print, and we ask their cooperation, especially in regard to clippings and other data.

Coronet on Sky Mysteries:

Publisher Wing Anderson, collaborative and interested, sends us a clip from February Coronet, article by Joseph A. Murphy called 'Mystery Stories of the Sky'. The writer describes the white aircraft over Chattanooga in January 1910, lights cruising the sky over New England in 1908 (many reports), a searchlight directed toward and over Massachusetts, a luminous object, with sound of motors over some area in 1909; a sky ship with powerful searchlights over Boston Harbor a few months later; a luminous object moving slowly over Ireland (Dec. 1909). In 1878 a farmer in Virginia saw a white horse 'swimming' about a half mile overhead. In 1905 a ten-foot flying pig was seen by many

'Welshmen'; it had"short wings and webbed feet". In 1873 a huge serpent form was reported over Kansas and Texas. In 1881 there were reports of 'uniformed soldiers' and 'helmeted angels', from Virginia and Delaware. On April 9,1897 a large cigar-shaped object appeared over Chiacgo; it had wings and carried colored lights; later it was seen over Texas, Colorado, and the Midwest. Scientific observers also saw it, and one worthy savant asserted it was the star Alpha in Orion. Newspapers, jokers, other fools had a holiday, just as of late with the "discs", but of course without offering any rational explanation. On the evening of April 19 this craft or a similar one appeared over West Virginia, carrying, red, white and green lights; it was a "huge cone-shaped arrangement 180 ft. long,with large fins on either side." So far, the Coronet article. Charles Fort in his Book of the Damned, adds others, and so do the Fortean Society and other students of such matters. In days before the airplane, and when communication was slow and difficult, what becomes of the hypothesis of"mass hysteria", suggestion, imagination and canard?

Going back to the flying man over Chehalis - if there was one,which is probable - he is somewhat less strange than the horse, the pig and the serpent. In our mediaeval acceptances, the animal forms were likely pranks of the Nature Spirits, but aircraft of any sort have humanlike intelligence back of them, and a flying man is likely to be a man flying. And there's a good chance this was some bold inventor from our own plane - if he proves to have substance at all. But the discs are not from our plane, and what they are up to remains to be seen. And if you find all this stuff slightly disquieting, page Professor spots-before-the-eyes Shapley, and many one of a hundred other brilliant, distinguished and moronic scientists, who are very smart in their own specialities and hopelessly dim-witted otherwise. They will calm your fears - until the next dragon flies by, at any rate.

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FATE - Cosmic Reporter

Number 1, Volume 1, of FATE magazine, a quarterly issued by the Clark Publishing Company, 139 No. Clark St., Chicago, 2, has made its long-heralded appearance - 128 pages of articles and features, allegedly no fiction, and said to have as its real purpose "reporting the unbiased truth." This "truth" however consists of the new kind of news, which Round Robin has for three years past been thrusting upon its own readers - facts and events of more vast and vital import than any economic depression, threat of war, or scientific achievement. "Uncommunicable news" almost, of such desperate significance that neither press nor public understands it, and no ordinary news channel will publicise it. Whether FATE will deal with this material honestly, carefully, and intelligently, remains to be seen. The requirements upon its editors are are peculiar and difficult, and their responsibility is serious. But the quality of this first issue justifies, it seems to us,our present review, especially since some of the contributors and best friends of Round Robin appear on its list of authors.

1. "I did See the Flying Disks" is by Kenneth Arnold, business man and flyer who on June 24 observed and reported the chain of nine discs between Mt.Rainier and Mt.Adams. His account is short, factual and adequate. "Before the night was over", he writes, "I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world, and to date I have not received one call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief I know of was printed in the papers. I look at this whole affair as not something funny ... to me it is mighty serious . . .. Though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI, I received no interest from these two important protective forces of our Country until two weeks after my observation."

2. "What were the Doughnuts?" - by John C. Ross, is an analysis,with photographs, of all military aircraft that even remotely resemble the "Disks". "If Kenneth Arnold really did see the 'flying doughnuts' and if they performed as he said they did, I do not believe that they were manufactured in the United States, or in the Soviet Union or even on the Planet Earth itself ... If he did see what he describes, it was a train of space ships from some other planet."
Mr Ross is a science writer and a special student of aircraft.

3. "The Mystery of the Flying Discs" is a 29-page article summing up a mass of data and various strange happenings in connection with the Discs. Anybody who will read this carefully, especially in comparison with the eight pages of data published recently by Fortean Magazine DOUBT, and can still think the subject is either illusory or unimportant, is mentally beneath the reach of evidence and argument. And some items set forth in this article are oddly disquieting. Who made the anonymous phone calls identifying the pilot and co-pilot hours before the army released the names of the officers killed in the crash of the B-25 carrying "classified material" believed to be fragments of a crashed Disc? Who told the United Press the details of the conference going on at the same time, in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma? The room was ransacked for concealed Dictaphones. And why has so little attention been given to the circumstantial story of Dahl and Crissman of the Tacoma Harbor Patrol who observed and photographed six of the Discs at comparatively close range, on the afternoon of June 21? "Evidence uncovered by the editors of this magazine prove that the army and navy and air-force Intelligence has been seriously handicapped by the fiasco that resulted from newspaper publicity ... the matter became a laughing stock ... the net result of the newspaper debacle was a closing down of thousands of possible sources of vital information ..."
This whole article is packed with vital information - and the attitude of the American Press throughout the whole affair to date has been one of criminal ignorance and contempt; there is no better example in history of its incredible stupidity and childishness.

4. In "Radio's Strangest Mystery", RR friend Vincent H. Gaddis writes of the "Mars Messages" - a subject he also discussed in Fly-

ing Roll (companion publication to Round Robin). The two accounts should be read in conjunction; they contain practically all the available data on a very strange and possibly very important happening.

5. In "Twenty Million Maniacs", G.H.Irwin deals with the problem of people who "suffer from the delusion of hearing voices". But this quoted phrase is from the title; Mr Irwin himself says "these voices DO exist", and in the next sentence, "disbelief in them is dangerous IF the voices do exist." Maybe yes, maybe no, says Mr Irwin; but he points out the alarming outburst of criminality which is associated with these voices, whether they be fact or fiction or delusion. He is full of alarms and questions and speculations -- and his one and only recourse is to invoke the aid of PSYCHIATRISTS - who as a Professional group are probably as ignorant, dogmatic and actually dangerous as any similar organization can be. The answer to all psychiatric problems, including"delusions" of voices, lies in psychic, spiritistic and occult research and knowledge. This knowledge is possessed by a great number of people, but seldom indeed does one find a psychiatrist who even knows that it exists, or will admit if if he knows it; 99% of the M.D's are of course no better informed or more tolerant. Nor is there the slightest chance that the majority of these professional men - "guardians" of the public health, will ever learn any better - since they have had their chance and failed, time runs short and it is 'later than we think'. It is a great pity, however, that writers as competent as Mr Irwin cannot do more than cry Wolf-Wolf! and beg for the psychiatrists (!!) to rush to the rescue. Wickland spent 40 years in experimental work bearing on this question; he and scores of others accumulated mountains of data which no 'psychiatrists' and few M.D's have even heard of - nor, apparently, Mr Irwin either. But even the futility of his article is better than no comment at all - since we venture to add that this situation he describes is far more serious than he has yet dreamed of - and its roots are in soil where neither he nor his all-potent 'psychiatrists' will ever learn to dig.

6. "Invisible Beings Walk the Earth" - by R.J.Crescenzi. This article is straight spiritualism, and details convincing phenoemna of physical and mental mediumship. The author believes that "only about a fourth of the mediums are genuine", but "only another fourth out-and-out fakes", the rest are "self-hypnotized, or work both "through spirit and their objective selves." Our notion is, this estimate is wide of the facts, but the matter is of small importance anyway.We're interested in the fact that FATE actually dares to print an article affirming flatly the reality of survival and communication. All the phenomena described of course have been set down hundreds of times before - along with a host of other facts equally well attested and much more sensational; but the public as a whole, and particularly the scientifiction fans and pulp-paper devotees have only the remotest inkling of such facts (if any at all), and FATE does a good deed in a stupid world by telling the story all over again where enthusiasts of scientism will maybe get hold of it.

7. In "Science and the Soul", Round Robin friend Roger P. Graham defines science and scientific methods,believes that "if man is immortal we can find out", that it is a problem for science and not for religion, and describes spiritualism, occultism and modern psychology as "Three schools of thought"; he concludes that the whole problem "properly belongs to science and science must accept it". RR editor, if re-writing this article from his own point of view, would have to rephrase practically every statement - but hails it as a triumphant and noteworthy event, that a physicist and mathematician, of the mental calibre of Roger Graham, should declare that the problem of the existence of the "soul" is one which "science must accept".

There's an article, too, on automatic writing, on construction secrets of the great pyramid, on giants in ancient America, and some 15 other shorts we cannot mention here. On the whole, this first issue of FATE is admirable. Can it's editors maintain this standard? Do they <u>really</u> know <u>real</u> news - the 'new' kind of news when they see it, urgent and vital. The Discs (or Lokas as RR calls them) are an item of this quality - and the editors of FATE are well aware of the fact. But we have to add, there is no slightest hint anywhere of any explanation or solution of their nature and mission - if any. A few conjectures of the obvious sort - secret military craft, or interplanetary ships. And no mention of the great variety of other strange craft, also now in the skies, certainly NOT discs or 'saucers' in construction.

Round Robin receives reports from time to time, from mediums and psychics, concerning this matter. Singularly enough, none of these has yet declared the discs to be 'space-ships' or interplanetary craft,and only one medium among those heard from believes them to be secret military craft of earth origin. But neither do these persons have <u>any</u> definite statement as to origin; most of their 'visions' deal with the construction of the discs and with the people said to be operating them.

But, as most of our readers know, the RR editors have been fortunate enough to be able to work with a remarkable - and unpaid, non-professional - trance-medium, Mr. Mark Probert. The seances have been carried on weekly for nearly three years; we hold this mediumin highest esteem, and so far have found the communicators to be intelligent and honorable persons. We do not conduct 'message circles', nor make a religionistic approach, nor regard our unseen friends with awe and reverence as repositories of all knowledge. But we do listen attentively and critically, and feel that we have learned much, in various ways.Now, these communicators have several times discussed the Lokas or discs,and we have printed what they had to say. Lately they have somewhat amplified this, and we offer it here, also restating the substance of their earlier statements. Our readers will accept, or reject, or qualify the alleged facts, each according to his own ways of thought. But we point out again, that (to our knowledge) no other explanation of any of the strange craft has been offered apart from random guesses. The authorities know this, and they also know that if or when this Visitation becomes a matter of everyman's knowledge, <u>some</u> explanation will

have to be found. The censorship will work up to a certain point, but after that the liability to panic or international suspicion and fear will have to be reckoned with. If, as is most probable, the true explanation cannot be come by, or cannot be made intelligible to those who govern us, or to the sapient science of our time, then some story will have to be invented - and when this proves false, our last state will be worse than the first. If the Invisible ones, in whose hands the true governance of our plane must rest, could but grant us at this juncture the leadership of men instructed not only in the physical sciences, but in occult and spiritistic knowledge as well, perhaps some way could be found out of this impasse. As it is, our civilization, "that old bitch gone in the teeth" is about to suffer an impact which it has no resources to meet. The war which is in the making has these phenomena as its forerunner, and as its accompaniment-to-be. "Scattered swimmers in the vasty deep" are those who can understand and accept these present and impending events; for the masses of us, complacency and old acceptances draw rapidly to their end. We do not cry Alarm - we are NOT sensationalizing these matters. The Round Robin editors and contributors write for a limited public, nearly all of whom are liberal, informed and critical, and they are not hampered by any allegiances or by desire for profit-making. We speak of facts according to the best information available, and comment on them according to our measure of understanding.

What have the communicators of the Mark-P seances said about the Lokas or discs in the past? They have made no claim to complete knowledge but there has been no disagreement on basic facts. The Lokas are not man-made or earth-made, and they do not come from a planet as we understand that word. They do not come from any realm of dense matter. They issue from an etheric world, which this writer believes is one of the"Lokas" described by Oriental thinkers. The people who build and operate them are NOT discarnate humans, and NOT inhabitants of the "Astral". The discs are constructed first of all, as to pattern and design, by cooperative thought action of Etherean engineers. The matter of the etheric world can be manipulated by thought-energy. This construction can then be filled out, so to speak, by particles of dense matter from our own world - that is to say, it 'materializes'. When it does this, it becomes visible to our sight and can operate in our sphere of existence.

These concepts are elementary to occult thinking - however great the ignorance of scientism may be concerning them. Some of the discs carry a crew, others (probably the very small ones) are managed by remote control, though in a manner unfamilair to us. This probably accounts for their singular mode of flight (at times) in a kind of tandem formation. It is possible for them to suffer accident while in our region of matter, but both operators and discs can re-enter the etheric by reversing the process by which they materialized here. So far, none of the factual data of observation is inconsistent with this description.

Coming now to the great variety of strange craft, quite different in appearance from the discs or Lokas, and which even some occultists believed to be interplanetary space-ships; the Communicators have lately

been closely questioned about these, and have declared emphatically that they have the same place and manner of origin as do the discs.They simply represent a series of experiments,by the Ethereans, at navigation in our atmosphere. "When you people of the earth-plane invent an aircraft or an engine, for instance" said one of the Controls, "you do not rest content with it; you keep right on improving it and trying many different types and models. These Ethereans do exactly the same."

But why are these visitors here? The Controls have agreed that the Ethereans are not hostile - "But if they are attacked they will retaliate, and the result will be the destruction of the attacker; they have powerful armament". Their visits to the earth are nothing new. "Even in my time", says a Control who claims to be an ancient Chinese philosopher, "craft somewhat similar to these were seen. They have made sporadic and occasional visits to the earth for thousands of years past ..."

"They have often come simply in quest of knowledge, just as you make expeditions to far-off places, to the Polar regions or to central Asia.--

"They are not here with intent to interfere in your affairs --

"Nevertheless, if there is another world war, employing nuclear energies, they may be forced to intervene. The release of atomic forces has disturbed their sphere of existence rather seriously--

"Let it be understood that if ever such intervention becomes necessary, it will be wholly impersonal. There will be no taking of sides. It is contrary to the Law, that any one plane should interfere with the processes by which another works out its destiny.--

"They are vastly your superiors in science - though every plane has its special forms of development and progress, so that we speak of differences, but not often of superiority or inferiority --

"The ethereans are large people, up to 15ft in height. I would say that they belong to the human order of evolution - that is, you would not call them Devas or Nature Spirits. Yet the great forms you have seen and photographed, in the clouds and on the surface of the earth also, somewhat resemble them --

"You ask why they are now suddenly present in large numbers. I shall tell you . Always, when a civilization, a culture has reached its height and is destined to collapse, the Ethereans have appeared in numbers. They come to make an examination and final record, for their own knowledge, of the status of that civilization - somewhat as you might do with disappearing tribes and races. And it is true also that they have been alerted and disturbed by your release of atomic energies. But all past civilizations and races have had their day, and failed in some way, and passed out of earth existence. So with your own civilization. The Etherean people came, and observed, and made their historical records. So they come now.

"They would communicate with you - if a signal system,preferably one using colored lights, were devised. But this probably will NOT take place, simply <u>because if anyone on your plane claimed to have established such communication you would put him in a straight-jacket.</u>"

"Why is it so hard for your men of science at least to understand the existence of an etheric world? Everything which exists in your world came out of the etheric - materialized from an etheric form into dense matter."

This communicator, as has been said, claims (for members of the group) a distinguished identity. Such assertions are, obviously, incapable of proof.The only question of real importance is the intrinsic nature of the communication - the knowledge and power of reasoning displayed, its bearing on other generally accepted data, and the general tone and impression made by the whole personality. In all these respects the Control we have quoted ranks very high - and it has been noticed that other communicators refer to him with great respect, and accept his alleged identity. And to repeat, the other Controls,that is, some half dozen of them, have affirmed the same basic facts about the discs and the etherean people; there is no disagreement among them, so far as this particular group is concerned.

The RR Editors pass this information along to you, only repeating that we have gained a good degree of confidence in these communicators, though without attributing to them an omniscience they are the first to disclaim. At least they should have opportunities for knowledge not accessible to us; hence, if they are honest, we should be able to learn much from them. The correctness of the facts they have given us, or their falsity, cannot be determined by any means save the fast-unfolding future. What we believe or disbelieve personally, what this and that 'authority' or 'expert' has to say about it, what religionists may declaim, or logicians infer or deduce has no value at all - or, has exactly the value you personally may attach to it. The question of the Lokas, like the issues of War and Peace, or of vast seismic convulsions, will be settled by the progress of events. But we cannot dismiss them from our minds, simply because, having at least semi-rational and reflective faculties, it is not in our human nature to do so.

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FATE
(Summer Edition)

This is No.2 of Vol.1 (Clark Publishing Co., 139 No. Clark St. Chicago). The first issue was of interest to RR readers chiefly on account of its extensive collection of data concerning the Flying Discs - though no explanation for these objects was offered. The present number contains a 14-page article by Kenneth Arnold,entitled "Are Space Visitors here?" along with several illustrations. The question itself is unanswered, but as to the actual presence in our skies of a large variety of strange craft, there is no doubt whatever.There never was any doubt, either, as to the reality of the discs from the time of the first reports, in the minds of people who are moderately well informed and mentally accessible to facts of a "supernormal" order. No one who knows the facts can now reject either the existence of the discs (which are still with us) or of the various strange craft which

have succeeded them in public interest. We will not try to summarize the evidence, but only quote the final paragraph of the article:-

"Well, there you have it. Many people have seen them;photos have been taken of them,both visible and half-visible, in the air and in the water; they've come down, gone sideways, gone up; they're blue and green and fiery;they are spheres, cones, torpedoes - incredibly fast or impossibly slow (for aircraft); radar can see the ones you can't;they whine and they roar and they explode; they flame and they flash; scientists explain 'em and can't explain 'em -- BUT DON'T SAY THEY AREN'T THERE!"

Up to date, and so far as we know, no publication has offered an explanation of the discs or any other strange craft,except Round Robin and Flying Roll.And, of course, the "explanation" we have to offer is mere nonsense to 90% of our contemporaries. It is no invention of our own,of course, it is the steadily maintained thesis of the seance communicators (thru Mark-Probert). These intelligences have insisted from the first that all the varieties of strange craft had a common origin - that they are constructed by the Etheric people, who inhabit(as near as we can make out)regions known to Oriental learning as the Lokas. Lokas are not part of the "astral" plane, and the Ethereans NOT discarnate human beings.But they are human-like beings, with a civilization and culture in many ways superior to our own. All objects of our world, according to occult theory, have materialized out of the etheric condition (or "plane" of matter) - much as a spirit materializes a dense body under proper seance conditions.The whole idea is intelligible to those whoare accustomed to read and think along similar lines, and mere gibberish to most other folk.According to the communicators,these etheric craft have been known throughout history, but they appear in numbers just prior to the collapse of a civilization; the purpose is simply the desire of the Ethereans to study the situation and perfect their own historical records. It is said not to be likely that they will intervene in our affairs,but if they do so, it will be in an entirely non-partisan manner,and probably to prevent the excessive use of atomic or nuclear energies in another war.

We present this hypothesis, or these assertions as they stand.So far it has proven very flexible and no facts disproving it have come to our knowledge. There is not a single counter-hypothesis which includes all the known data or gives even a thinkable explanation for them. So far, we have found these communicators very conservative, dependable, and highly intelligent; we have no reason to suspect them of fraud or mere fictionizing. Many psychic and mediumistic reports have come to our attention, and a considerable number of these appear to have fragments of this same explanation, or to be in a good measure of agreement with it ... Nearly two years ago, the M.P. communicators predicted "many strange objects in the skies"- long before that, airmen had been briefed on such possible encounters. The phenomena are completely genuine, and very much to be reckoned with by all of us, in the days to come.

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